

IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (Currently Amended) A hasp assembly for preventing the accidental separation of a door from an adjacent jamb, either one of the door or the jamb having means for removably securing the hasp assembly thereto and the other having a staple in which is formed an aperture, said hasp assembly comprising: a hasp having an intermediate portion and a terminal portion, said terminal portion having a tongue in which is formed a passage; a connector having at least one branch in which a keyway is formed, said connector being attachable to said staple; and a key for removably connecting said connector to said tongue, said key having an enlarged head at one end thereof and an enlarged fastener at the other end thereof, said key being adapted to be received in the passage and keyway by dropping said key therein and being prevented from removing therefrom by said head and said fastener, ~~said key further having a fastener to prevent said key from separating from said passage and said keyway~~, said fastener being selectively removable from said key to permit the entry of said key into the passage and keyway.

2. (Currently Amended) A hasp assembly for preventing the accidental separation of a door from an adjacent jamb, either one of the door or the jamb having means for removably securing the hasp assembly thereto and the other having a staple in which is formed an aperture, said hasp assembly comprising: a hasp having an intermediate portion and a terminal portion, said terminal portion having a tongue in which is formed a passage; a connector having at least one branch in which a keyway is formed, said connector being attachable to said staple by passing said branch through the aperture in said staple; and a key for removably connecting said connector to said tongue, said key having an enlarged head at one end thereof and an enlarged fastener at the other end

thereof and being adapted to be received in the passage of the tongue and in the keyway of the branch, by dropping said key therein and being prevented from removal therefrom by said head and said fastener, said key further having a fastener to prevent the removal of said key from said passage and said keyway, said fastener being selectively removable from said key to permit the entry of said key into the passage and keyway.

3. (Currently Amended) A hasp assembly for preventing the accidental separation of a door from an adjacent jamb, either one of the door or the jamb having means for removably securing the hasp assembly thereto and the other having a staple in which is formed an aperture, said hasp assembly comprising: a hasp having an intermediate portion and a terminal portion, said terminal portion having a tongue in which is formed a passage having a longitudinally extending axis; a connector having a pair of spaced branches in each of which is formed a keyway, the keyways in said branches having longitudinally extending axes which are aligned with one another and which are aligned with the axis of said passage when said tongue is located between said branches, said connector being attachable to said staple by passing one said branch through the aperture in said staple; and a key for removably connecting said connector to said tongue; said key having an enlarged head at one end thereof and an enlarged fastener at the other end thereof; said key being adapted to be received in the passage of the tongue and in the keyway of the branch, by dropping said key therein and being prevented from removal therefrom by said head and said fastener, said key further having a shank adapted to be received in the passage and the keyways, when aligned, ~~said key having a fastener to prevent the removal of said key from said keyways and said passage,~~ said fastener being selectively removable to permit the entry of said key into the passage and the keyways.

4. (Currently Amended) The hasp assembly of claim 3 wherein either said fastener or said shank has a resilient catch and the other has a hollow for receipt of said catch, said catch when received in said hollow acting to lock said fastener to said shank, said catch being attachable to said hollow by applying a force, opposed to the bias of said catch to cause said catch to enter said hollow.

5. (Withdrawn) A hasp for preventing the accidental separation of a door from an adjacent jamb, either one of the door or the jamb having means for removably securing the hasp thereto and the other having a staple in which is formed an aperture, said hasp comprising an intermediate portion and a terminal portion, said terminal portion being bifurcated into a pair of branches each having a keyway, and a key adapted to be received in said keyways and said aperture and acting to removably securing said bifurcated terminal portion to said staple.

6. (Withdrawn) The hasp of claim 5 wherein said keyways each have a longitudinal axis aligned with one another.

7. (Withdrawn) The hasp of claim 6 wherein said keyways are spaced apart from each other and are adapted to straddle said staple, said key being receivable in said keyways and in said aperture for removably securing said hasp to said staple.